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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN OIL MATTERS

1. AMBASSADOR BOGDAN, AT HIS REQUEST, CALLED JANUARY 14
ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY (EB) KATZ FOR DISCUSSION OF
INTERNATIONAL OIL MATTERS. HE SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST
IN PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE IN CALLING FEBRUARY 11 MEETING
OF NINE CONSUMER NATIONS, INQUIRING INTO RATIONALE FOR
THE MAKE-UP OF THIS GROUP. MR. KATZ EXPLAINED THAT
HIGH LEVEL GROUP OF OECD, WHOSE MEMBERS ACCOUNT FOR
75 PERCENT OF WORLD'S OIL IMPORTS, SEEMED BEST PLACE
TO START THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG CONSUMER
NATIONS. IT IS NOT USG INTENTION TO FORM AN EXCLUSIVE
CLUB OF SELECTED IMPORTERS, BUT RATHER TO LAUNCH
DISCUSSIONS AMONG CONSUMERS, INCLUDING BOTH DEVELOPED
NATIONS AND LDCS. AS THIS PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WAS
WIDENED, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING VIEW OF
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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ALSO. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT

ROMANIA HAS GREAT INTEREST IN OIL DEVELOPMENTS, AND IS KEEPING AN OPEN MIND ON PETROLEUM MATTERS. MR. KATZ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS VIEW, ADDING THAT THE

USG, IN LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH FELLOW CONSUMERS,IS ALSO KEEPING AN OPEN MIND ON FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF TALKS ON ENERGY, KATZ REFERRED TO CIRILLO TRADE DISPUTE. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE IS NOW LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER AND HAS NOT YET DETERMINED "WHO IS AT FAULT". RUSH

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